

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
CORPUS CHRISTI DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

ALMA G. GONZALEZ,

Defendant.

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C.A. C-07-185

ORDER STRIKING PLEADING (S)

The clerk has filed Plaintiff Alma G. Gonzalez' "Original Answer to Plaintiffs (sic) Original Petition" (D.E. 4) however, it is deficient in the area(s) checked below:

1. ___ Pleading is not signed by, or by permission of, attorney-in-charge.(LR5.2)
2. ___ Pleading is not in compliance with LR11.3.A(1) through (6)
3. ___ Caption of the pleading is incomplete (LR10.1)
4. ___ No certificate of service, or explanation why service is not required (LR5.4)
5. ___ No statement re: conference w/opposing counsel/party (LR7.1D)
6. ___ Separate proposed order not attached (LR7.1C)
7. ___ Motion to consolidate is not in compliance with LR7.6
8. X Other: Defendant attempts to "enter a general [d]enial" in her Answer (D.E. 4, ¶ II). A "general denial" is not permitted in federal court. See, e.g., United States v. Sifuentes, 2005 WL 3627339, *1 (W.D.Tex. 2005) ("in federal court, general denials are ordinarily improper ... the answer in federal court must specifically admit or deny each allegation in the complaint."); see also Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(b).

The clerk is hereby ORDERED to strike the above instrument (s) from the record and notify counsel or the appropriate *pro se* party of such action.

Dated: June 12, 2007


JUDGE PRESIDING